

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING
Town of Buffalo
April 17, 2013

Swearing in of Town Elected Officials

Charles R. Corso, Chairman; Jan Banicki, Supervisor; Mary-Anne Raab, Supervisor; Jean Rataczak, Treasurer; and Donna Seddon, Clerk; were sworn in having been duly elected on April 2nd, 2013.

Present: Charles Corso, Mary-Anne Raab, Jean Rataczak, Jan Banicki, Donna Seddon
Others: Roger Banicki, Cecil Redstrom, Joie Woodard, Don Berg, Fred Wollenburg, Karen Wollenburg, Gordon Bentley, Miriam Bentley, Bob Brockway, David Rieckmann, Laura Rygiewicz, Peter Steuck, Rick Lemke, Charles Church, Philip Trahms, Wesley Buss, Les Brantmeier, Sherian Brantmeier, Gary, Bluhm, Joan Bluhm, Marianne Hanson, Pat Corso, David Larkin, Gene Mucciolo, Helen Mucciolo, Alma Paul, Fredrika Paul, Cathy Trahms, Margarete Worthington, Bill Franks, John Nindorf, Ron Kerl, Richard Solterman, Diane Hons-Soltermann, David Larkin, Tiffany Lodholz.

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 p.m.

Open Meeting Requirements Explained

Selection of meeting chairperson

Fred Wollenburg, past Town chairman, agreed to chair the Annual Meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda

David Rieckmann, seconded by Margarete Worthington, made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Yes – 41; No – 0; Abstain – 0.

Minutes of 2012 Annual Meeting

Karen Wollenburg, seconded by Roger Banicki, made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried. Yes – 41; No – 0; Abstain – 0.

Town Reports

- A. 2011 Financial Report – Jean Rataczak gave the 2012 Cash Basis Report and Taxes Collected Report. Donna Seddon gave the 2012 Annual Report Statement. Fred Wollenburg answered questions. Our cash basis is healthy. Discussion followed. Alma Paul, seconded by Margarete Worthington, made a motion to accept the Annual Report. Motion carried. Yes – 43; No – 0; Abstain – 0. *There were new arrivals.*
- B. Fire District Budget – Laura Rygiewicz, seconded by Charles Church, made a motion to approve the Montello Joint Fire District Budget. Motion carried. Yes – 42; No – 1; Abstain – 0. *Electors were leaving.*

- C. Recycling and Garbage – The Recycling Center took in \$10,373 this year and spent \$10,108 in services and wages. We received a grant of \$2,998.82 this year. Our gain was \$3,263.82.

Board and Elector Topics

- A. Highway Aid for 2012 is \$105,016.
- B. 2012 Highway Maintenance Budget -- \$197,970
- C. Highway Aid for 2013 is \$96,503.
- D. 2013 Highway Maintenance Budget -- \$121,419. The Town Board will review the roads with the Highway Commissioner. Gordon Bentley, seconded by Karen Wollenburg, made a motion to approve the 2013 Highway Maintenance Budget. Motion carried. Yes – 42; No – 0; Abstain – 1.
- E. Citizen input on roads and road maintenance. Many questions were asked about the County highway problems, stump grinding, and how are roads picked for repair. The following roads were requested to be on the Highway Maintenance list for 2013:
1. Golden Road for ditching and culvert (Bennett to Ortner)
 2. 18th Court for gravel
 3. Gillette Drive (to Naparella's)
 4. Bridge and signage on 16th Road
 5. Gem Road (Furman's)
 6. Replace rustic road signs on 14th and Grouse
 7. Replace tractor sign on 15th Road
 8. Berry Road or County Line Road

Other 2012 Expenditure Items requiring citizen action

- A. 2012 Summer Ball Team--\$1800. Margarete Worthington, second by Jan Banicki, made a motion to pay the summer ball program only if the documentation is received. Motion carried. Yes – 36; No – 6; Abstain – 1.

Elector Comments or Concerns *Electors were leaving.*

- A. Bob Brockway, seconded by John Nindorf, made a motion as a directive to the Town Board against the 45 mph Town speed limit and spending the money to install signs. Discussion followed for and against. Further costs estimates for signs will be obtained.
- B. Margarete Worthington, seconded by Charles Church, introduced the following resolution: **The Buffalo Town electorate directs the Buffalo Town Board to appropriate money to enhance citizen's civic knowledge and participation in local government activities by funding a Web Master for the town website. Funding to purchase of up to 5 hours per month from a qualified person whose responsibilities would include timely posting in all the categories as they are currently presented on the existing website.** Yes – 33; No – 2; Abstain – 1.
- C. Gordon Bentley, seconded by Gary Bluhm, introduced the following resolution: **The Buffalo Town electorate directs the Buffalo Town Board to exercise zoning authority and rigorously apply the processes set forth in Zoning Board Handbook, University of WI Steven's Point, and the Center for Land Use Education and shared by Tom Onofrey at the Board and Land Use Plan Committee formal training given in March of 2013.** Yes – 26; No – 0; Abstain – 10.

- D. Alma Paul thanked Fred Wollenburg for all the work and time he has spent as Town Chairman.
- E. David Rieckmann, seconded by Gordon Bentley, introduced the following resolution: **The Buffalo Town electorate directs the Buffalo Town Board to continue to support the work of the Land Use Planning Committee but limit the participation of Board Members to one (1) Board member and appoint a citizen to the vacated spot. This was recommended by Tom Onofrey to reduce the possibility of conflict of interest in recommendations and guidance given to the Board by this committee.**
Yes – 36; No – 0; Abstain – 0.
- F. Tiffany Lodholz, seconded by Gene Mucciolo, introduced the following resolution: **The Buffalo Town electorate directs the Buffalo Town Board to engage in watershed protection, soil conservation or water conservation activities beneficial to the town's adequate provision of quantity and quality of water in lakes, streams, and private wells.** Yes – 32; No – 0; Abstain – 4.

Set 2014 Annual Meeting Date

- A. Bob Brockway, second by Gary Bluhm, made a motion to have the 2014 Annual Meeting on April 17th, 2014 at 7 pm. Motion carried. Yes – 36; No – 0; Abstain – 0.

Business Concluded

Alma Paul made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting is adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Submitted by Donna Seddon, Town Clerk